

## Los Angeles Realtor Left \$100,000 Estate

*By American*  
LOS ANGELES (ANP) — The late Charles S. Blodgett left an estate valued at more than \$100,000, according to an inventory filed in Superior court by Curtis C. Taylor, counsel for the widow, Mrs. Mary L. Blodgett, heir to the entire fortune.

*Blodgett*  
Blodgett was a pioneer realtor, contractor and banker prior to his death, May 30, 1952. Two of his surviving sons, W. C. Blodgett and Charles S. Blodgett Jr., filed to have the will "construed," a legal term meaning clarified, Taylor told reporters last week.

# Grandson Inherits Large Part Of Houston Estate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA) —The late William L. Houston, an attorney, left nearly his entire estate, conservatively valued at \$100,000, in trust for his grandson, Charles H. Houston.

Mr. Houston died Sept. 9. In his will, filed in the District Court for probate last Saturday, he named his brother, Dr. Ulysses L. Houston,

a physician, as his executor. The will was dated February 5, 1953, and was witnessed by Joseph C. Waddy and William C. Gardner, who were associated with Mr. Houston in the practice of law.

## FREE FROM ENCUMBRANCE

According to the petition for probate of the will, at the time of his death, Mr. Houston owned property at 1744 S Street Northwest, where he lived. This home, which he converted into apartments, has an assessed valuation of \$10,024 and is free from encumbrance.

He also owned the building at 615 F Street Northwest, which is on the edge of the business section of the city and in walking distance of all District of Columbia courts. It has an assessed valuation of \$25,561 and also is free from encumbrance.

Mr. Houston also left personal property valued at \$17,095, consisting of \$9,096 in cash money, \$535 on deposit in the Industrial Bank of Washington, \$1,063 deposited in the Second National Bank of Washington, household furniture and furnishings of an estimated value of \$200, miscellaneous office equipment and books of an estimated value of \$500.

## U. S. GOVT. BONDS

He also left insurance and death benefits payable to his estate of \$3,100, United States Government bonds having a face value of \$1,950, an automobile estimated to be worth \$500, and miscellaneous effects and jewelry of an estimated value of \$100.

In addition to funeral expenses of \$1,010, his debts are estimated to be \$2,374.

In his will, Mr. Houston bequeathed \$2,000 to his sister, Miss Clotill M. Houston, and \$500 to Mr. Houston to be spent for the benefit of his "faithful and devoted employee," Margaret Dyer, at such time and in such manner as

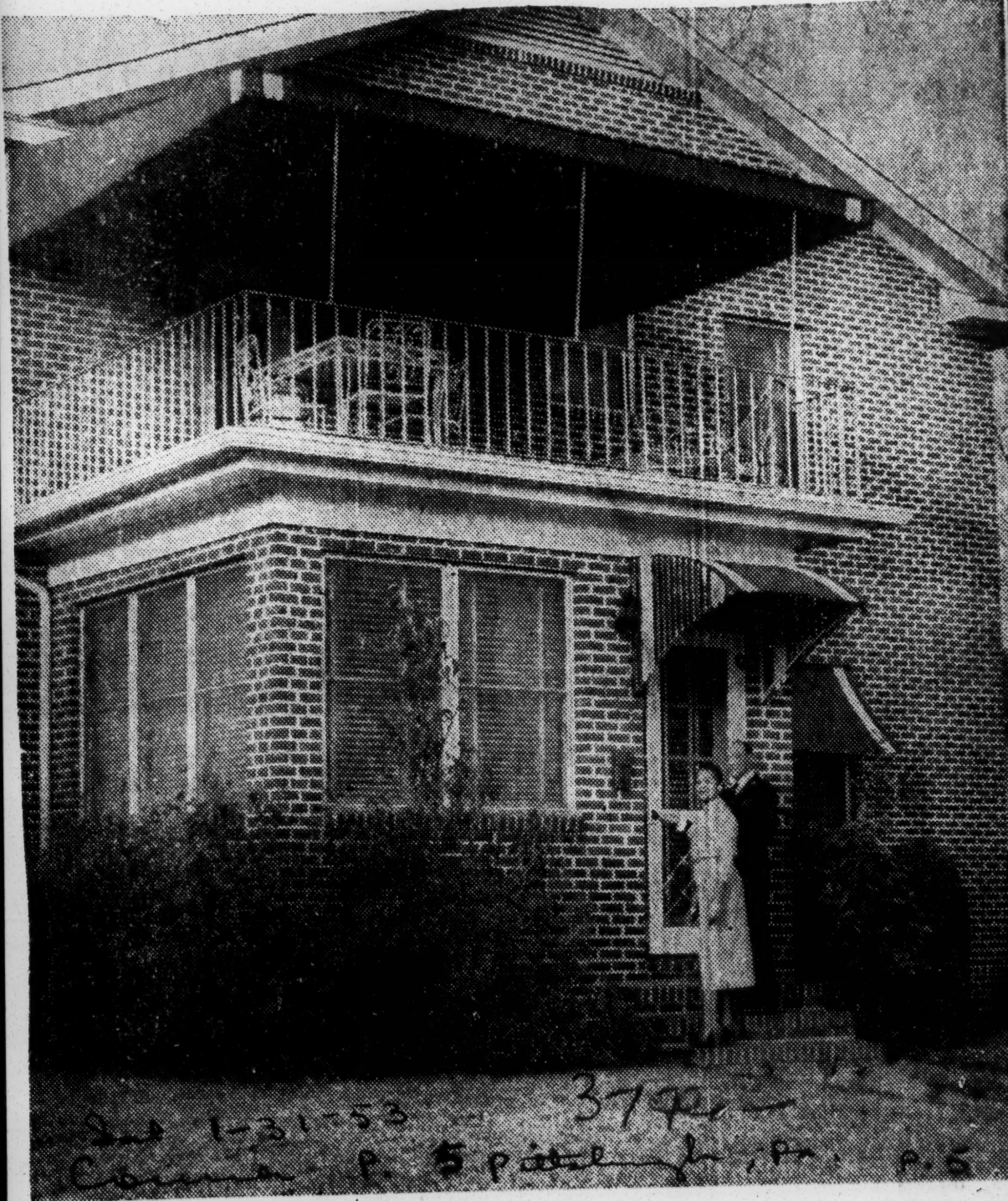
he deems proper.

He also left a life estate in the property at 1744 S Street to his brother and sister.

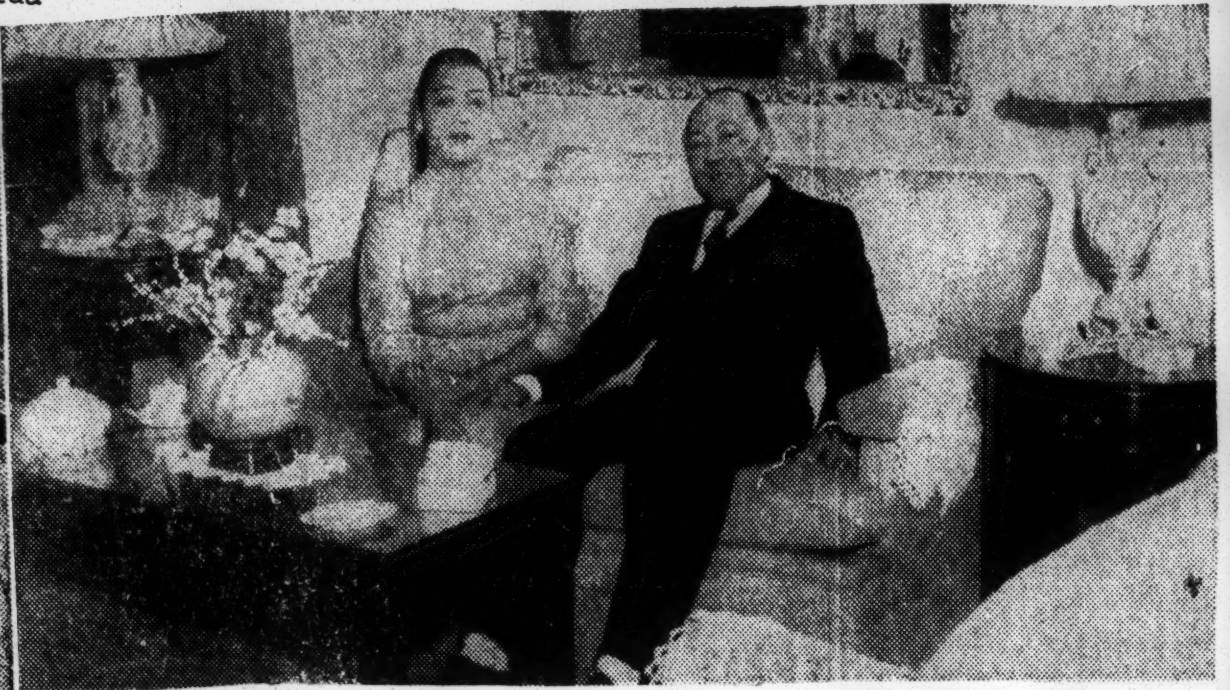
The remainder of his estate he left in trust to Dr. Houston. As trustee, Dr. Houston is authorized to manage, control, invest and re-invest, partition, improve, pledge, mortgage, lease without limit as to term, exchange, sell or otherwise dispose of any of the trust property, and to pay and discharge all mortgages, liens and other charges against it, as he may deem proper as trustee of the estate, and without notice of any kind or order or authority of the courts.

He is to collect the income from the trust property and pay out of it all obligations against it. If the income is insufficient, he may use the principal for that purpose.





**Overcame Odds—** No more inspiring a story of a man who rose from thirty-five cents to wealth and successful business accomplishments can be found anywhere than that of Manuel Rivera, seated with Mrs. Rivera, in the parlor of their luxurious Jacksonville (Fla.) home (lower photo). Mr. Rivera came to the U. S. from Puerto Rico thirty-three years ago with thirty-five cents and no command at all of the King's English. Today he is a shining example of success against odds. —Diaz Photos.



## McCollum Estate Suit Fails; Ruby Asks Funds To Support Children

LIVE OAK, Fla. — The \$100,000 damage suit against the Sam McCollum estate has been dismissed. It was filed by Mrs. Florrie Adams, wife of the Dr. C. Leroy Adams who was shot to death by Mrs. Ruby McCollum.

Mrs. McCollum, sentenced to death in the electric chair, last week petitioned Suwannee County Civil court for funds from her husband's \$75,000 estate.

Mrs. McCollum asked the court to award her sufficient money to pay for the maintenance of her four minor children as well as the college education of Sam, jr.

The nationally sensational case had its beginning Aug. 3, when Mrs. McCollum shot and killed Dr. Adams whom she claimed fathered her 15-month-old daughter, Loretta. McCollum died of a heart attack in Zuber, Fla., Aug. 4, the day after the murder.

Mrs. McCollum was found guilty of murder in the first degree without recommendation for mercy by a Suwannee county jury and sentenced to the electric chair.

The McCollum estate was represented by Atty. Frank T. Cannon, former county solicitor of Duval county who also represented Mrs. McCollum in the murder

trial. He is appealing the verdict and is fighting to get her sentence reduced to life imprisonment in association with Atty. Releford McGriff of Jacksonville.

It is felt, however, in some quarters that the suit against Mrs. McCollum by Mrs. Adams will be sustained and her share of the estate will be subject to pay the claim of the doctor's widow.



# 'Rags to Riches' Theme Of Manuel Rivera Saga

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Manuel Rivera, born in Puerto Rico, and a man whose island brogue still tosses the king's English into a frenzy, is one of Jacksonville's "Exhibit A" examples of success—against odds, if you've got what it takes.

Manuel came to Jacksonville over thirty-three years ago, broke and in such dire circumstances that no wildcat bettor would have ever wagered in his favor even with 1,000-to-one odds.

But, today, Manuel is one of Jacksonville's most successful business men and owns one of the most fabulous homes in Florida, along with other holdings so vast as to allow him to retire when most men are "just beginning to fight"—for success.

WHEN MANUEL came here from the islands, he spoke such broken English that even his closest associates, many times, didn't know what he was saying. He is so island-bound by tradition that even today there are times when they still don't understand what he is trying to say.

But one thing is certain: they can look at Manuel's business success and see—without sign language—that this son of poor parents has reached the heights. We aren't going to say Manuel is a millionaire, for he isn't. But he has faced the odds, met 'em and beat 'em!

Mr. Rivera's career has embraced working in the most menial of jobs, then working on the railroad in dining cars, and finally deciding that the best thing for a man to do was to set up his own business. It was a little business, at first. Then it caught on.

Now Manuel owns the Tropical Dining Room and Manuel's Tap Room—a package store for liquors, etc.—on this city's Ashley Street, and both are doing a good business. As for Manuel, he has retired. And he has earned it.

Manuel is married to a beautiful olive-skinned girl who looks more like a sister to her son and daughter—Ralph and Shirley—than a mother. Their home, at 1145 West Eighth Street, is a fabulous one. In it are beautiful and expensive antiques, and accessories which defy description, selected by the most-discerning Mrs. Rivera.

"Greats" of the sports and political world beat a path to his door, and he is never too busy—or too big—to hear what they have to say, or to give them counsel. He is a sterling example of a man who "made good" against the greatest odds. He is "Exhibit A" in the series which says that if a man has "it," he can make good in this democracy, no matter who he is.

## Another Case Is Pending

(Other stories and pictures on inside pages)

By JOHN DIAZ

LIVE OAK, Fla.—Following a valiant legal battle waged here last week by Atty. Frank Cannon, one of the defense lawyers for Mrs. Ruby McCollum, the presiding judge dismissed a \$100,000 suit filed by Mrs. C. LeRoy Adams against the estate of the late Sam McCollum.

Mrs. Adams sued the McCollum estate after her prominent doctor husband had been killed in his office by Mrs. Ruby McCollum. Since that time, Mrs. McCollum has been sentenced to death and denied a new trial.

MRS. McCOLLUM's wealthy husband, Sam, died of a heart attack shortly after the fatal shooting of Dr. Adams.

Dismissal of the suit was based on a new law here which rules that a husband is not liable for the acts of his wife.

Another suit filed by Mrs. Adams against Mrs. McCollum is pending. This suit is against Mrs. McCollum personally for 20 per cent of the McCollum estate.

Ruby's attorneys last week filed a widow's allowance petition in Live Oak to obtain from the McCollum estate sufficient funds for the maintenance of the four children of the McCollum who have been living on charity. If granted when the petition heard at Live Oak next Friday the children will legally procure maintenance from the parent estate, estimated now to be net \$200,000.

# Says Ruby's Late Husband His Dad; Asks Estate Share

(Special to the Courier)

LIVE OAK, Fla.—While Mrs. Ruby McCollum sits in jail here with a death sentence hanging over her head for the slaying of her alleged white lover, Dr. C. LeRoy Adams, her case continues to make news. Last week saw several new developments:

1. A man giving his name as Kenneth McCollum, 27, of Daytona Beach, and claiming to be the illegitimate son of Mrs. McCollum's late husband, Sam, filed a petition here asking that he be given a child's share of the McCollum estate.

2. The McCollum estate was officially valued at \$135,397.36, exclusive of the homestead.

3. Judge J. M. Hearn granted payment of \$5,000 lawyer's fee out of the McCollum estate to Atty. J. L. Blackwell.

4. Payment of \$600 to each of the two administrators of the McCollum estate, Matthew L. Jackson of Live Oak, and Roland Yates of Tampa, for temporary fees and commissions was also granted by the judge.

5. Mrs. McCollum's children were granted the sum of \$1,200 out of the estate, for living expenses, the money to be issued at the rate of \$100 a month.

The appearance of Kenneth McCollum came as a surprise. In his petition to the court, filed last week by Atty. H. E. Hill of Daytona Beach, Kenneth says he was born in Eustis, Fla., and that his mother is Bertha R. Ligtsay. The petition also declares that Sam McCollum signed a paper in the presence of witnesses stating that he was the father of Kenneth.

MRS. RUBY McCOLLUM, during her trial, testified that she bore a daughter for Dr. Adams. Kenneth McCollum contends that he should be given a child's share of the McCollum estate.

Although the McCollum estate had been valued at \$200,000 or more, the court last week fixed the value of \$135,397.36. This amount does not include the McCollum home in Live Oak.

Both Jackson and Yates received \$600 apiece for the work they have done in guarding the McCollum estate.

IN GRANTING Attorney Blackwell a fee of \$5,000, Judge Hearn pointed out that Blackwell had represented Mrs. McCollum in a \$100,000 suit brought against Mrs. McCollum by the widow of Dr. Adams. The suit was thrown out of court.

Mrs. McCollum had asked the court to set aside money for her children who are now living with relatives. They will receive \$100 a month for the next twelve months.

Mrs. McCollum's appeal for a new trial was denied. She is now under a death sentence, but her lawyers are planning to take the case to a higher court.

## Doctor's Widow Wins Suit

LIVE OAK, Fla.—Ruby McCollum is a pauper!

With the stroke of a pen, Circuit Judge R. H. Rowe of Madison signed papers which wiped away the last remnants of a fortune of this pitiful confessed slayer—once a wealthy woman.

The judge signed a judgment against Mrs. McCollum in the amount of \$85,000 in favor of Mrs. Florrie Adams, widow of the white Dr. Leroy Adams, the man Mrs. McCollum confessed she killed.

Following the trial an admitted illegitimate son of Sam McCollum filed claim to a child's share of the estate. This case has not been heard as yet.

Mrs. McCollum's husband, Sam, who fled the scene the day of the killing, died the next day following a heart attack. The McCollum fortune, is said to have been built upon farming interests, large holdings in the Central Life Insurance Co. of Tampa, and other speculations. The remainder of Sam McCollum's \$135,000 estate is to be divided among the McCollum children.

IT IS believed that Mrs. Adams will only be allowed to claim about \$25,000 . . . which would be Mrs. McCollum's share of the estate of her late husband. Most of the other money which Mrs. McCollum held in her own right was dissipated in her unsuccessful defense as she stood accused of murder.

Mrs. McCollum, who had described the deceased physician as her "lover," and the man who had sired her 15-month-old daughter, refused the opportunity of appearing at the hearing that saw her fortune washed away. An original suit filed by an attorney for Mrs. Adams was recently dismissed by Judge Rowe. Under the Florida law a husband is not responsible for the criminal acts of his wife.



Troubles Followed Curry

# Fight Over Will Of Bishop Seen

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON  
(Final Article in a Series)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Whatever had happened in the colorful life of the late former Bishop George Edward Curry, nothing had a greater impact on that career than the action of the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue when it slapped a \$44,191.93 tax lien on all his properties for failure to pay income taxes.

That was undoubtedly the straw that broke the camel's back. Never, from that time on, was the late former Bishop the same man he had been. He had weathered other blows . . . a stormy career in which he had faced charges of financial misadventures, rumors linking him with love stories on the scandalous side, although never proven . . . his family had been wiped out at one blow in a disastrous fire.

Washington (D. C.) lawyer, Atty. Doby, has made a request for a copy of the will of the late former Bishop, now in contested probate action in the court of County Judge McKenney J. Davis here. Contacted in Washington, Attorney Doby said he represented a client whose identity he declined to divulge, but the Washington lawyer did say that he had a feeling that the will purported to be left by the late former Bishop was not a valid document.

**LOSS OF** an arm in an auto accident had been the physical blow which directly hit the late former Bishop, but the hardest blow of all was from the revenue agency.

Filed here on Nov. 22, 1949, the Federal tax lien against George Edward Curry, 1816 W. Sixth Street, Jacksonville, lists tax sums due for four separate years.

Although the agent in charge of the local office of the Internal Revenue Bureau would not divulge any detailed information, the sum of \$44,191.40 would represent taxes on approximately \$250,000 in income unreported during the four years in question.

**CLOSE-MOUTHED** lawyers at the firm of Rogers, Towers and Bailey, who are handling the late Bishop's estate, would tell nothing about how much the former prelate's properties were worth, nor would they discuss the case in any degree.

But the U. S. agents made it clear that the liens have—so far—not been satisfied and remain unpaid . . . en toto.

Now, more lately, comes a new twist to the Bishop Curry story one of mysterious import. A

What further action Attorney Doby contemplates from the Washington end was not revealed, but indications are that some new and mysterious figure will soon enter the already muddled picture of what happened to Bishop Curry's estate.

The will document listed its worth as "approximate value: \$50,000, plus household furniture, books and clothing worth \$500."

Heirs, according to the document, are a sister and a niece here in Jacksonville. But Mrs. Eva Hampton Curry is definitely demanding consideration as well.



## Shabby Eccentric Leaves Fortune

An eccentric old man has written from the grave a startling epilogue to the pitiful last act of his life in Springfield, Ill. *Journal and Guide*

For 20 years before his death last Jan. 13, shabbily-dressed Elmer John De Castro wandered about the city asking: *P. 3 Sat 6-20-53*

"Any old light bulbs—any old string?"

Housewives and restaurant owners thought him penniless and gave him free meals as well as light bulbs and string. *Marquette 7*

Friday, officials of the Probate Court revealed that the pathetic collector of bulbs and string had left an estate of at least \$250,000.



## Auction Sale of Rev. J. A. Rucker's Antiques at Paola Brings \$11,000

PAOLA, Kas.—The Rev. J. A. Rucker himself would have been surprised at the widespread attention which his collection of antiques attracted.

He would not have believed that antique dealers from several states would pour into this small Kansas town to purchase the glassware, china, silverware, antique furniture and other items that he had spent about 40 of his 68 years collecting.

The Rucker public auction was one of the biggest sales ever held in this section of Kansas. Signs reading "Rucker Sale" met the motorist at the highway as he entered the city and led him to the National Guard Armory where a table was filled with the more than 6,000 items which the Baptist minister had left when he died on February 6.

The Rev. Mr. Rucker, pastor for 34 years of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, died without leaving a will. He had no real estate both here and in Quindaro, Kas. But his most valuable possessions were in the form of antiques which filled his small home and overflowed into the basement and every available nook and corner of his church next door.

Some of his fellow ministers say that the Rev. Mr. Rucker planned to hold a public auction himself and to use the proceeds to begin erection of a home for retired Baptist ministers. The Rev.

Charles R. Mason, who succeeded the Rev. Mr. Rucker as moderator of the Neosho Valley Baptist district, said that Rucker told him this was his plan.

"But he died before he was able to carry it out," said the Rev. Mr. Mason.

Everybody in Paola, white and Negro, thought well of the Rev. Mr. Rucker. On the day that his funeral was held last February, all of the downtown stores closed in his memory. White and colored filled the church where the services were held because the Mt. Olive church was too small to accommodate the crowd.

The Rev. Mr. Rucker spent most of his spare time attending sales and auctions, gathering his big collection. He stored the glassware, china and silverware in the big antique chests and china closets which were a part of his collection. He kept his linens clean

and fresh by storing them in trunks and boxes. His home was so full of his treasures that there was hardly room to move around.

## Gregg Estate Tops \$75,000

### Home Given To Foster Daughter

KANSAS CITY, Kas.—(ANP)

—The late Bishop John A. Gregg left an estate valued at \$72,342.75 according to a statement filed in Probate court here. Bishop Gregg, an AME church prelate, died Feb. 17 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The statement, filed by Myles C. Stevens, attorney of the law firm of Stevens and Jackson, showed real estate worth \$8,950; corporation stocks, \$2,203; bonds, mortgages etc., \$17,237; value of debts and accounts, \$2,000.

Miss Naomi R. Cherot, a foster daughter, was named executrix of the estate and to the late prelate's home here.

No money was left directly to the AME Church, however. Bishop Gregg bequeathed \$1,000 to trustees of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla. This money is to be invested and interest only used for scholarship purposes and paid only after the trustees furnish bond insuring preservation of the fund.

Another \$1,000 was bequeathed to Marle Colhoun, a cousin in Oakland, Calif. Other property was left to friends and relatives. Provision of the will call for payment of funeral expenses, costs of the bishop's last illness and burial in the family lot at Lawrence, Kansas.

Miss Cherot also was directed to set aside \$5,000 for paying taxes, making repairs and for upkeep of the property which she inherited.



# Ike Dixon, Fernandis Left \$34,000

## Probate Of Wills Disclose Holdings Of Businessmen

### BALTIMORE

Isaiah (Ike) Dixon, former Comedy Club owner, and Evans Fernandis, former barber at Johns Hopkins hospital, both left estates in excess of \$34,000 inventories filed in Orphans Court, this week, show.

The Dixon estate, \$34,081.53, will go, chiefly, to his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Dixon, and two sons, Howard D. Dixon and Isaiah Dixon, Jr.

His will, made in 1949, also made bequest of \$500 to Melvin Swann, 912 E. Market st., to whom Mr. Dixon also referred as *2.21-53*.

Employees to receive bequests are Miss Esther Thomas, 3115 Leeds st., \$500; Miss Julia Hall, 1112 Argyle ave., \$100; and Oliver Wise, 504 W. Lafayette ave., \$100.

### Items Listed

The inventory listing *2.21-53* Dixon's estate showed:

Properties at 1002 N. Fulton ave., \$4500; 1016 N. Fulton ave., \$5000; 1808 Edmondson ave., \$5500; 1060 N. Fulton, \$200 and 524 N. Fulton, \$7000.

Also listed was an automobile, \$3800; 5 booths \$200; a bar and buffet, \$750; sofa and chair, \$40; table, \$1; 2 floor lamps, \$8; tables and benches, \$250; 75 bar stools, \$235;

Four cooling boxes, \$500; an oval bar, \$250; 3 cash registers, \$150; a miscellaneous lot of liquors and beer, \$540; and a license, \$157.53.

Mr. Dixon named his wife as administrator of the estate.

### Fernandis Estate

Mr. Fernandis' estate also consisted of considerable real estate.

The properties included:  
1708 Division st., \$2500; 1905 Etting st., \$2000; 1912 Druid Hill ave., \$4000; 1914 Druid Hill ave., \$4000; 2019 Brunt st., \$1800;  
812 George st., \$1600; 1544 N. Stricker st., \$2000; and 533 Bloom st., \$2500.

Also listed was \$12,091.64 in cash.

While the bulk of the estate will go to his son, Evans Fernandis, jr., the deceased also left small bequests to eight nieces, a nephew, two friends the YWCA, Madison Street Presbyterian church and Provident hospital.



# Given \$100,000 In Bridal Gifts

DETROIT—The Motor city was buzzing this week after the announcement of the surprise wedding of the former Alberta Sheffield, 32-year-old ex-barmaid, and Ernest O. Briggs, 58, white engineer and lawyer.

Briggs is a member of the fabulous Briggs family. The late Walter O. Briggs, sr., Ernest's cousin, was owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball club and the Briggs manufacturing co. which makes wheels and bodies for General Motors automobiles.

The pretty, new Mrs. Briggs counted as wedding presents from her husband's home, a two-family flat, a new automobile, a silver blue mink and several pieces of property valued at \$80,000.

The ceremonies were conducted at the home of the Rev. Horace A. White, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church. Attending were Atty. Horace I. Rodgers and Dr. Carl Shaw.

According to friends, the couple met at a party given by Sunnie Wilson, owner of the Mark Twain lounge, where Mrs. Briggs was formerly employed.

Briggs was well known on the night club circuit where he reportedly spent as much as \$1,000 in a single night and passed out tips as high as \$50.



## Maid To Inherit Share Of \$22,600 Hidden Fortune

LOUIN, Miss. (ANP) — Because she served a family faithfully for years, a maid will share in a fortune unearthed here last week. According to the will of J. F. Ainsworth, a conservative white farmer, Miss Nettie Holder, who served as a maid in his home, will get an equal share in the \$22,600 estate found in a buried lard can.

Miss Holder waited on both Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth during their extended illnesses. Ainsworth died some five years ago and Mrs. Ainsworth died Jan. 27. On her death bed, Mrs. Ainsworth disclosed the hiding place of the money.

The underground bank yielded approximately \$2,600 in gold coin and \$21,000 in certificates. It was found in a sealed 50-pound lard can and fruit jars which contained moth balls to protect the currency. A few members of the Ainsworth family returned to the family home recently and unearthed the cash.



## Williams Cash Left To Widow

ST. LOUIS — The \$134,169 estate of the late Frank L. Williams, former principal of Sumner, Wash. and Washington Technical high schools, was left to his widow, Mrs. Fannie B. Williams. An inventory was filed last week in probate court.

Williams died last Feb. 13 at the age of 88. He had been associated with the St. Louis schools for some 32 years before his retirement in 1940.

A breakdown of his estate showed stocks valued at \$16,500, \$10,000 in promissory notes and real estate valued worth \$100,000.

## \$57,000 Of Estate In Cash, Bonds

### Residence Left to Daughter; \$1,000 To Edward Waters

In the will of the late Bishop John A. Gregg, bequests and devises totalling \$72,342.85 were filed in probate court, Wyandotte county, by the Stevens-Jackson law firm on Friday, June 19.

Approximately \$57,000 of the estate is in cash and stock. Stocks: United States savings bonds, \$17,237; cash, Commercial National bank, \$19,726; Douglass State, \$4,650; Barnett National bank, Jacksonville, Fla., \$1,883 and Metropolitan Life Insurance policies, \$10,704.

Stock at Douglas State is valued at approximately \$2,000.

Named as heir to the Gregg homeplace, located at 1150 Washington Blvd., was Miss Naomi Cherot, daughter of the deceased.

Upon the death of Miss Cherot, the property is devised to G. Archie Gregg, Jr., for the remainder of his life and that of his heirs. In case he dies without heirs the property goes to the following persons, to share and share alike:

Ruth Gregg, Eunice Grundy, Lucille Turner, Eugene Paul Turner, Samuel Hicks, Jr., and Mable Calhoun. Mrs. Mable Calhoun, cousin, Oakland, Calif., was bequeathed \$1,000.

Miss Cherot was named as executrix of the will, which was dated Sept. 4, 1952, and witnessed by Miss Beatrice E. Penman, instructor at Sumner high school, and Mrs. Grace C. Stevens, wife of Rep. Myles C. Stevens.

### Sets Up \$5,000 Special Account

The sum of \$5,000 was set over in a special account in the name of Naomi Cherot for the purpose of paying taxes, repairs and upkeep of the homeplace for the benefit of Miss Cherot only. She is to have exclusive right to determine repairs and improvements to be made and the amount to be spent for the same. In the event there is any money left in the fund at the termination of the life of Miss Cherot the money shall go to heirs at law of Miss Cherot's.

### Bequests Of \$1,000 To College

The sum of \$1,000 was willed to trustees of Edward Waters college, Jacksonville, Fla., to be used as follows: invested by trustees and the interest only to be given annually to some worthy student in the form of scholarships provided that the executrix shall not pay the sum until trustees have given a bond insuring the preservation of the said fund.

Myles C. Stevens was named attorney for the executrix.

All the rest of the property, both real, personal and mixed was devised and bequeathed to the following persons: Frank Nelson, John Nelson and Mable Johnson, children of William Nelson; Ruth Gregg, Eunice Grundy, nieces; G. Archie Gregg, nephew; Lucille Turner, daughter of his deceased wife's sister; Eugene Paul Turner, and Vernon Paul Turner, children of Lucille Turner; Samuel Hicks, Jr., son of Eunice Grundy and Naomi Cherot.



"HARLEM DIARY":—

## Negro Ownership of Resorts Increases in Catskill Mts.

By CONSTANCE CURTIS

### EAST COAST REPORT

This summer's phenomenon is the recent upcropping of lush resorts for the "brother" in the Catskill Mountains, in most instances financed by Negroes. At last count there were about 12 with rentals for the week running as high as \$400 for cabins. Brown faces now abound in an area until recently reserved for whites. All in all, it would appear that the pinch for cash hasn't hit everybody in the big town.

Two new fashion notes, one for men the other for their women folk, have been sighted here this season. In recent weeks some of the praver men downtown have donned dress shorts. •Readers of the men's magazines have undoubtedly seen pictures of them, but it's even stranger in reality. •They're unlike the playtime wearing apparel, reaching nearly to the knee and with what appear to be tighter legs. Zowie!

Uptown, there seems to be a tion, with headquarters in Brooklyn. movement afoot to put the hot comb out of business for the ladies. Several really style-conscious Negro women are presently wearing their hair the way God intended, and cropped fairly short. Each time they walk down the street there's an audible sigh from those of us who haven't summoned the nerve to follow suit. And they look wonderful top. . . Sort of a crazy poodle cut.

As a non-member of the chamber of commerce of the town I love (and I do love it), you lucky folk in the hinterlands may be interested in three or four price quotations from this section; steak is to be had in the good restaurants for from \$3.50 to \$5 per person; furnished rooms are retailing for approximately \$18 a week, and if you break Father Knickerbocker's law, like driving down a play street, you had better prepare yourself for a \$15 fine. To add insult to injury, the subway fare has jumped another nicker, to make a total of 15 cents a ride.

Harlem's West Indian population increased by 26 last week when that number of teachers from the islands arrived here to take part in a workshop at Columbia university. The group was brought, all expenses paid, by the newly-formed Association for the Advancement of Caribbean Educa-



# Apex Head Left \$600,000 Estate

Cash in bank  
is \$189,260

Stock of company  
set at \$272,056

ATLANTIC CITY — The estate of Mme. Sarah Spencer Washington Logan is worth \$602,024.95, according to report of an inventory and appraisal filed in the Atlantic County Court Nov. 16 by William I. Gosnell and William A. Dart, executors.

The inventory and appraisals, made by Ruth A. Lockett, Richard T. Lockett and Luther O. Thomas, cover all of the goods, chattels, rights and credits, moneys and effects of the late Madame Washington.

Mme. Washington was owner of the Apex beauty products company.

The appraisal shows that nearly half of the estate is in shares of stock of the Apex News and Hair company of Atlantic City, 10 shares being valued at \$271,585.40.

## \$272,000 In Stocks

The only other stocks are 188 shares of Guarantee Bank and Trust company of Atlantic City, 592/300th of one share scrip certificate and 986/300th of one share scrip certificate, making a total of \$272,056.65 in stocks.

The second largest amount is cash deposited in five banks

totaling \$189,260.57.

Mortgages are listed as the Brigantine hotel, Atlantic City, \$100,000; premises at 2437 Seventh ave., NYC, \$30,500 (reduced to \$10,000); premises at 1719 Arctic ave., goods and chattels, \$4,000,000 (reduced to \$3,000).

The appraisers valued the jewelry at a total of \$3,195, including costume jewelry; wearing apparel at \$500 and other furnishings and personal belongings at 1726 Arctic ave., \$500.

The itemized list submitted to the court by the executors follows:

## Cash In Banks

Fidelity - Philadelphia Trust company — checking account \$2,296.15; savings account, \$26,336.81.

Boardwalk National bank, Atlantic City — checking account (regular), \$1,048.35; checking account (special), \$5,221.33; savings account, \$124,037.92.

Arkansas National bank, Hot Springs, Ark. — checking account, \$3,323.19.

Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust company Philadelphia — checking account, \$1,147.26.

Fidelity Trust company, Baltimore — savings account, \$6,784.59.

## Mortgages

Covering premises at 2348 Seventh ave., NYC, \$30,500 (reduced to \$10,000), interest due thereon, \$82.16.

Brigantine hotel, Brigantine, N.J., \$100,000; interest due thereon \$7,805.57.

Premises at 171 Arctic ave., Atlantic City, goods and chattels therein, \$4000, (reduced to \$3,000).

## Corporate Stocks

Apex News and Hair company, Atlantic City (10 shares), \$271,585.40; 188 shares capital stock of Guarantee Bank and Trust company, Atlantic City, \$470; 592/300th of 1 share scrip certificate; 986/300th of 1 share scrip certificate.

## Personal Jewelry

Diamond bracelet (1 diamond missing, \$30; Hamilton diamond watch (old style (1 small diamond chip missing) \$30; diamond dinner ring, \$200; diamond brooch (1 stone missing), \$250; 3 carat diamond ring, \$20; 2½ carat diamond ring (poor quality stone) \$1,200; costume jewelry, \$15.

## Wearing Apparel

Mink coat (old), \$100; Persian lamb coat, \$30; Persian lamb coat (old), \$50; clothes, \$50; furnishings and personal belongings at 1726 Arctic ave., \$500.

The total was \$602,024.95.

Mme. Washington died in March of this year. Some 20,000 persons from as far away as Georgia and as close by as her next door neighbor attended the 20-minute funeral services held in Carter's funeral chapel here.

## Double Tax Involved

Mr. Gosnell, Baltimore attorney, who is administrator of the estate, said Monday that the estate may not receive a bill from the government for inheritance tax for about four to six months. He pointed out that there will be both state and federal taxes involved.

Mr. Dart is an Atlantic City attorney.



# Full Text Of Will Of Mme. Sara Washington

IN THE NAME OF GOD,  
AMEN:

I, SARA S. WASHINGTON, of the City of Atlantic City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore by me made.

1. I direct my executors hereinafter named to pay, out of my estate, all of my just debts as soon after my decease as may be convenient.

2. I direct that my remains shall be placed beside those of my mother, in the family plot, in Pleasantville, New Jersey, and I direct that my executors shall have placed upon my grave a suitable tombstone.

And further direct that the cost of my burial, exclusive of the cost of said tombstone, shall not exceed the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, which shall be paid from my estate.

3. I direct that sufficient cash money, to my credit, and as part of my interest in the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, be appropriated and withdrawn from the said Apex News and Hair Company by my executors before the vesting of my interest and stock in said corporation by the bequests hereinafter named for the purpose of making the following bequests

**\$10,000 Bequests**  
I give and bequeath to my cousin, Joshua Wynn, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to Shumpert Logan of Atlantic City, New Jersey, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to my cousin, Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell, of Baltimore, Maryland, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Ida Ellen Phillips Johnson, of Reading, Pa., the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.

**Other Cash Bequests**  
I give and bequeath to Miss Georgia Hargraves, of Atlantic City, N.J., the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars. (Apex employee).

I give and bequeath to Mrs. Clarice Walker, of Atlantic City, N.J., the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. (My Apex employee new assistant pastor Asbury Methodist church.)

I give and bequeath to Mrs. Mollie Turnage, (childhood-schoolmate) of Bukley, Virginia, Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to Mrs. Ethel Boger, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, the sum of Five (\$500.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to Master Cromwell Carter, (god-son) of Atlantic City, New Jersey, the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

**To Churches**  
I give and bequeath to Asbury M.E. Church of Atlantic City, New Jersey, the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to First Baptist Church (colored), of Bukley, Va., five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

I give and bequeath to Palmer Memorial Institute, of Seale, N.C., the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

4. I give and bequeath to the aforementioned Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell the mink coat which I have owned the longer.

5. I give and bequeath to the aforementioned Mrs. Ida Ellen Phillips Johnson my persian lamb coat, which I have most recently purchased.

6. I give and bequeath to the said Miss Georgia Hargraves the older Persian lamb coat owned by me.

**Bonds To Daughter**

7. I give and bequeath to my adopted daughter, Joan Washington, my defense bonds, Metropolitan annuities, new mink coat and remaining cash of mine in any bank after all expenses, debts, taxes and legacies have been paid.

8. I give and bequeath to the aforementioned Joan Washington my diamond bracelet, my diamond watch, my diamond dinner ring (known as a tree of

diamonds), and my diamond brooch, with similar stones as those in the dinner ring.

**Rings**  
9. I give and bequeath to the aforementioned Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell my three carat diamond ring.

10. I give and bequeath to Joan Washington, Mrs. Ida Phillips Johnson, Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell and Mrs. Ethel Boger my costume jewelry, which shall be distributed equally according to the appraised value.

The said beneficiaries shall be entitled to choose the costume jewelry that they wish in the order in which they are herein named.

12. I give and bequeath to Joan Washington, Mrs. Ida Ellen Phillips Johnson, Mrs. Verna W. Hargraves all of my wearing apparel and clothing, not otherwise disposed of by me, to be distributed equally according to the appraised value of the said wearing apparel and clothing.

And the said beneficiaries shall be entitled to choose the wearing apparel and clothing that they wish in the order in which they are herein named.

**Drug Business**

13. All of my interest in the drug business known as the Apex Community Drug Store, which business is conducted at Arctic and Indiana avenues, Atlantic City, New Jersey, I give and bequeath to the hereinafter named persons in the percentages as follows:

Joan Washington, fifty-one (51) percent; Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell, ten (10) per cent; Joshua Wynn, ten (10) per cent;

Mrs. Ellen Phillips Johnson, six (6) per cent; Miss Beatrice Canady, formerly Mrs. Beatrice Saunders, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, my secretary, six (6) per cent; Archie J. Morgan of Atlantic City, New Jersey, my manager, seven (7) per cent; and Shumpert Logan, ten (10) per cent.

(It is reported that this property was disposed of before Mrs. Washington's death. ED.)

**Home To Daughter**

14. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved adopted

daughter, Joan Washington, my home and premises known as 1726 Arctic avenue, in the city of Atlantic City, New Jersey, with all of my furnishings and personal belongings therein contained, exclusive of any property of the Apex News and Hair Company which may be located therein, and exclusive of any of the personal property or articles hereinabove specifically bequeathed.

It is my desire that the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation, which is now occupying a large portion of said premises as and for its office and the principal place of business, shall continue to operate its business at its present location so long as it may be expedient and practicable so to do, but shall pay to the said Joan Washington rent for the use of said premises and in such amount as the said Joan Washington shall direct.

**Apex Annex**

15. I give and devise all my right, title and interest in and to property known as Apex Annex located at 1803 Marmora avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Ida Ellen Phillips Johnson.

16. I give and devise my real property, known as 1801 Arctic avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, to the said Joan Washington, in fee.

17. I give and devise to my cousin, Joshua Wynn, the real estate, which I now own and known as 402 North Ohio avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

**D. C. Property**

18. I give and devise to my cousin, Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell, the real estate which I now own and known as 117 You street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Brigantine Hotel**

19. In the event that I still own the property known as the Brigantine Hotel, in the City of Brigantine, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, at the time of my death,

I hereby direct that the said property be sold within one year after my death at the best price obtainable and from the proceeds I direct my executors hereinafter named to pay One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars

each to Archie J. Morgan, Shumpert Logan and Beatrice Canady.

And I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of the proceeds of said sale, share and share alike, to Joan Washington, Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell, Mrs. Ida Ellen Phillips and Joshua Wynn.

In the event that said Brigantine Hotel has been sold prior to my decease, then the provisions in this said paragraph shall be null and void and of no effect.

**Cadillac**

(The Brigantine Hotel was sold for \$150,00 and the estate holds a \$100,000 mortgage.)

20. I direct my legatees hereinafter named, who shall become the owners of my interest and stock in the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation, as a condition to their said legacies of my stock and interest in said Apex News and Hair Company that they shall transfer title to my Cadillac automobile to said Joan Washington for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1,000) Dollars at the first meeting of said corporation after my decease and their acquiring the right to vote.

And further and at the same time, to lease to Miss Georgia Hargraves at the rent of One (\$1.00) Dollar per year the premises she now occupies, which property is known as 1006 N. Indiana avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the term of her natural life and as long as she maintains her present marital status.

The said corporation shall pay all the expenses incident to its ownership of said property, including taxes, water and sewer rents, maintenance and repairs.

**Memorial To Mother**  
21. I give and devise to the said Apex News and Hair Company the real property owned by me known as 122 N. Virginia avenue, in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, together with any and all furnishings and chattels therein being and belonging to me at my death, for the purpose of a memorial to my dear departed mother.

And I do hereby direct that the legatees of my interest and stock in the Apex News and Hair Company, as a condition

to the said bequests of said interest and stock in the said Apex News and Hair Company, shall cause the said Apex News and Hair Company to perfect suitable plans for the establishment of a perpetual memorial

to my dear departed mother, using said premises at 122 N. Virginia Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, for that purpose.

**Apex Company**  
22. The Corporate business of which I am the owner, known as the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation of New Jersey, and having its main office and place of business in Atlantic City, New Jersey, I give, devise and bequeath as follows, and upon the express conditions and limitations hereinafter stipulated:

a. To my adopted daughter, Joan Washington, who resides with me in Atlantic City, New Jersey, I give and bequeath fifty-one (51) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned said business and corporation, and the assets of the aforesaid corporation, to fifty-one (51) per cent.

**Mrs. Gosnell**  
b. To my cousin, Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell of Baltimore, Maryland, I give and bequeath ten (10) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation.

**Mrs. Johnson**  
c. To my cousin, Joshua Wynn, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, I give and bequeath ten (10) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation.

**Mrs. Canady**  
d. To my niece, Mrs. Ellen Phillips Johnson, of Reading, Pennsylvania, I give and bequeath six (6) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation.

**Miss Canady**  
e. To Miss Beatrice Canady, formerly Mrs. Beatrice Saunders of Atlantic City, New Jersey, my secretary, I give and bequeath six (6) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation.

**Mr. Morgan**  
f. To Mr. Archie J. Morgan, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, for my manager, I give and bequeath seven (7) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation.

**Mr. Logan**  
g. The remaining ten (10) per cent of my interest and stock in the aforementioned Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation, I give and bequeath unto Shumpert Logan, of Atlantic City, New Jersey.



**Housekeeper**  
h. I hereby direct that Ethel Boger be continued in her position with the Apex News and Hair Company aforementioned at a salary of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars a week as long as she is able to perform her usual duties as now performed by her with the Apex News and Hair Company.

And the aforementioned gifts and bequests of my interest and stock in the said Apex News and Hair Company aforementioned are subject to this.

**Restrictive Sale Agreement**  
I have thus disposed of and bequeathed my interest in the aforesaid corporate business, the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation, in the above manner.

With the definite understanding and upon the express condition that, the acceptance of any interest in the said corporation by either or any of the above named legatees, other than the last or surviving stock holding legatees, shall preclude and restrict them, either or any of them, from assigning, transferring or disposing of in any manner, whatever, the interest, stock or shares above mentioned and given to them by me;

And to also preclude the giving of said stock as security or sold to the corporation at the as a gift or pledge, except, and upon the condition and understanding, that such interest, stock or shares shall and must be sold to each, any or all of the remaining stockholders and legatees, in the above particular class—the owners of the aforesaid Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation.

**Book Value Sale Price**  
The consideration to be received by any legatee, who desires to dispose of his interest, shall be in accord with and determined by the majority of the remaining stockholders and at the book value of the stock of the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation, at the time the said stock, interest or portion is offered for sale, assignment, pledge or disposal.

Which book value shall be determined by an accountant to be selected by the corporation and no consideration shall be added to the book value or charged for good will.

**To Keep Business Intact**  
The purpose of this limitation and condition subsequent is not to prevent the individuals, named as legatees, from enjoying the full profits from interest given to them; nor to impede, in any manner, the success of said business.

The sole reason for so doing is to keep this aforementioned business in tact and into the hands of those of my kindred

and those who have contributed by the executors from the specific money bequests payable to its successful growth.

As a condition to the foregoing bequests of my stock and interest in the Apex News and Hair Company, (a corporation): all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal or mixed, which shall be owned by me or belong to me at the time of my death, no matter his or her death, except the last time of my death, no matter surviving legatee, the one to whom the entire business should eventually belong, must sell to Verna W. Gosnell, to the said the corporation by assignment or transfer, all of the interest in said corporation vested in said person at the time his or her decease of his or her decease and passing to the estate of the deceased legatee.

The then prevailing book value, as determined by an accountant selected by the corporation, shall be the basis of the consideration to be paid for said interest belonging to the estate of said deceased legatee. I name and appoint said Mrs. Verna W. Gosnell as her guardian, during her infancy.

**Must Sell To Corporation**  
In the event that any interest or stock of the aforesaid legatee is attached or levied upon by a judgment creditor or any person as property belonging to any of the said legatees, ment, to serve without bond in this or any other jurisdiction, And in the event that one of said executors should depart this life, then the remaining executor shall administer my said estate without bond in his or any other jurisdiction.

**Gosnell An Executor**  
26. I hereby name and appoint William Gosnell, Esquire, of Baltimore, Maryland, and William A. Dart, Esquire, of Atlantic City, N.J., as executors of this my last will and testament, to serve without bond in this or any other jurisdiction, And in the event that one of said executors should depart this life, then the remaining executor shall administer my said estate without bond in his or any other jurisdiction.

**Stringer, Legal Adviser**  
27. I hereby direct that my going bequests of my stock and interest in the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation. E. Stringer as legal advisor for my estate and as proctor.

**Cash From Company**  
23. My executors are authorized and directed to withdraw sufficient cash money from the Apex News and Hair Company, a corporation, which is credited to me and is part of my interest in said Apex News and Hair Company.

And they are further authorized and directed to pay therefrom all inheritance, legacy or estate taxes on my estate or the devolution of any portion thereof or levied by reason of my death, whether or not the property, transfer or proceeds with respect to which said taxes are levied is a part of my estate at my death.

And my executors shall not require any transferee to reimburse my estate for said taxes so paid, nor deduct the same from the share of any beneficiary hereunder.

Except those, receiving specific money bequests, shall repay to my executors any inheritance tax or taxes levied against their inheritance and paid by my executors, or my executors may deduct said tax or taxes paid

#### Four Share In Residue

24. I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal or mixed, which shall be owned by me or belong to me at the time of my death, no matter his or her death, except the last time of my death, no matter surviving legatee, the one to whom the entire business should eventually belong, must sell to Verna W. Gosnell, to the said the corporation by assignment or transfer, all of the interest in said corporation vested in said person at the time his or her decease of his or her decease and passing to the estate of the deceased legatee.

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## In A Nutshell

The will of Mme. Sara Spencer Washington filed in Atlantic City March 28th leaves 51% of the Apex News and Hair Company to Mme. Washington's adopted daughter, Mrs. Joan W. Hayes.

The other 49% of the company stock is left to her husband, relatives and long-time associates.

A restrictive sale agreement is written into the will, providing that no legatee will be able to give, sell or transfer his stock in the firm to anyone outside of the company. The restrictive sale agreement also provides that upon death of any legatee heirs of said legatee must sell the stock to the company, thereby assuring perpetual operation of the Apex Company.

Cash bequests of \$37,500 were made to nine persons; three \$10,000 ones to her husband and two cousins; \$5,000 to a niece; four \$500 ones to an employee, four \$500 ones to an employee, godson and two life-long friends.

Two \$500 gifts were left to churches, and a \$500 bequest to a North Carolina school.

The will also leaves the Mme. Washington home in Atlantic City, jewelry and a share of other personal belongings to the daughter; and jewelry and personal belongings in equal shares to three other relatives.

It also directs the company stockholders to establish a perpetual memorial to her mother at property at 122 N. Virginia ave., Atlantic City.

William I. Gosnell, Baltimore, and William A. Dart, Atlantic City, attorneys, were named executors.

Witnesses were listed as Ruth A. Leacott, Ventnor City, N.J., and William E. Stringer, Atlantic City. The will was dated April 16, 1947.

The will directed that William E. Stringer be appointed legal advisor for the estate.

Metropolitan Insurance Company and the residue of the estate. Other personal property went to friends and employees.

Dated April 16, 1947, the will had as its executors William I. Gosnell of Baltimore, attorney and William A. Dart, Atlantic City attorney.

Here is a rundown on the value of property owned by the late Mrs. Washington, according to a 1947 estimate.

**TOTAL ASSETS**  
The Washington home, Atlantic City, \$50,000; Apex Warehouse, \$40,000; Apex labor-atory, \$20,000; Apex Rest and Tourist Home, \$50,000; Apex Hunter Memorial Home for Girls, \$18,000; Apex Drug Store, \$21,000; Apex Building, Philadelphia, \$70,000; mortgage on Brigantine hotel, Atlantic City \$150,000, making a total value of \$444,000.

Property in Baltimore, Richmond, New York and other cities were not listed. Nor was the value of the vast Apex beauty products business listed. According to financial report, the Apex Company had a B-Credit rating, one of the highest. Assets were estimated at \$350,000 to \$500,000. The total value of the estate is between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

## Daughter Inherits Bulk Of Vast Apex Holdings

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Mrs. Joan Hayes, daughter of the late Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington, will inherit controlling interest in the million dollar Apex Company, founded by Mrs. Washington.

Mrs. Hayes will inherit 51 per cent of the stock of the company, according to the will of Mrs. Washington. Relatives and employees received the other 49 per cent of the stock. This latter stock will be awarded as follows:

Shumpert Logan, husband; Mrs. Verna Gosnell and Joshua Wynn, brother 10 per cent each; Mrs. Ida Johnson, 10 per cent; Mrs. Beatrice Cannady, office manager and personal secretary of Mrs. Washington, 6 per cent and Arthur Morgan, business manager, 7 per cent.

Cash bequests include \$10,000 each to Logan, Wynn, and Mrs. Gosnell, and \$5,000 to Mrs. Ida Johnson; \$200, Mrs. Gaila Hargrave; \$500, Mrs. Clarice Walker, and \$500, Mrs. Emma Johnson.



# Powell Gets Easement On Income Tax Claim

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA) claimed for taxes.

—Rep. Adam C. Powell, (D. of N. Y.), and his wife, Hazel Scott, Miss Scott's return showed net income of \$23,001.

concert pianist, have settled three income tax claims pending against them individually.

A fourth claim against Miss Scott is still pending.

The three claims of the Government for deficiencies in federal income taxes of \$6,275 were settled for \$1,695. The unsettled claim against Miss Scott is for a deficiency of \$19,485.

In each of the cases Rep. Powell and Miss Scott had asked the United States Tax Court to disallow the Government's claim of deficiencies.

1945 CLAIM

Under an agreement signed by counsel, the Tax court decided that there was a deficiency in Rep. Powell's income tax for the year 1945 of \$1,193. The Government had claimed a deficiency of \$2,749.

Powell claimed that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had erred in disallowing \$875 of the deduction claimed for contributions, \$240 of the deduction claimed for taxes, and \$5,392 of miscellaneous deductions.

Powell's net income for 1945, disclosed by his return, was \$7,858. The amounts disallowed by the Commissioner raised the net income to \$14,615. On this amount the Commissioner claimed Powell should have paid a tax of \$4,737. The amount of the tax paid by Powell was \$1,988.

In a companion case, the court granted Miss Scott a postponement of a hearing until next January 11. The case was set for hearing during November. Miss Scott asked for the postponement to give her accountants time to complete an analysis of her income.

Miss Scott contends that the Commissioner erred in disallowing \$15,815 of the \$29,730 claimed by her as professional expenses, disallowing \$6,748 of contributions of \$10,408, \$3,410 for theft, and \$1,677 of a deduction of \$3,200



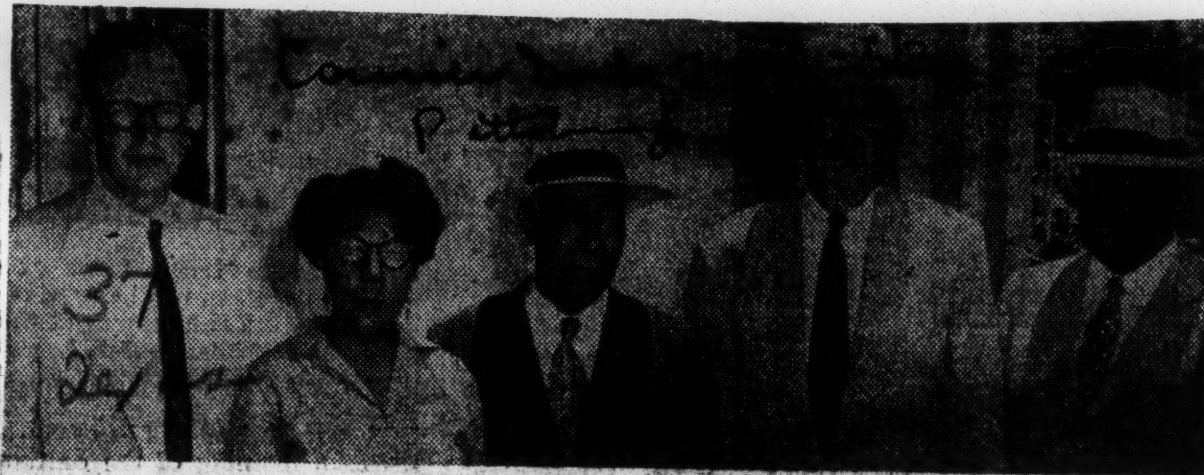
## Jury Awards 250 G Estate To Boy, 13

HOUSTON, Texas—(ANP) — Setting aside the will of Dr. T. M. Shadowens Sr., a jury last week returned a verdict awarding his quarter-million-dollar estate to his grandson and only living descendant, 13-year-old Timothy E. Shadowens.

Mrs. Thelma Shadowens, mother of the child and first wife of Dr. M. Shadowens Jr., had contested the will.

Her attorney, Harry Brochstein, told the jury that Dr. Shadowens was of "unsound mind and under undue influence" when he made the will Oct. 20, 1951. According to terms of the will, a brother, F. N. Shadowens Sr., and a sister, Mrs. I. E. Williams, were the beneficiaries.

Before the \$250,000 estate is awarded to the teenager, the court will have to approve the jury's decision. Meanwhile, the decision will be appealed on grounds that testimony of Dr. James Brown, white neurosurgeon, was not sound.



**Found Guilty—** C. A. Dupree, Texas businessman, walks down court house steps in Houston after having been found guilty on charges of income tax evasion for three years, 1946-49. From left to right: Hugo Cofar, Mrs. C. A. Dupree, Mr. Dupree, Atty. John D. Cofar and Robert Taylor, one of Houston's wealthiest citizens.

**Dupree** the verdict that Judge Ben Rice would render in his case in San Antonio, Monday.

**Owes U. S. \$39,314**  
**Wealthy Texan Gets 3 Years, Fined \$9,000 In Tax Case**

AUSTIN, Tex.—C. A. Dupree, Houston business man who rose from the role of a bellhop to owner of large sums of money and real estate holdings was found guilty on six counts of income tax evasion by a jury in Austin Tuesday.

The Government charged that Dupree owed \$39,314 for himself and his wife from 1946 to 1949. The Government also claimed that he and his wife spent \$231,532 over their discernable income between 1946 and 1949.

Mr. Dupree, ex-locker room keeper and bellhop at prominent hotels, said he and his wife worked hard and saved most of what they earned; keeping most of their money in strong boxes in secluded places at their fashionable home.

Prior to the jury's verdict the Government had seized all Dupree's assets, including \$118,000 in bank accounts. Dupree is owner of the Eldorado Ballroom. He operated it until recently when he returned and leased it to Fred Marshall, prominent business and sports figure.

Texans were anxiously awaiting

HOUSTON, Texas—A wealthy resident of Houston, Texas, Clarence Dupree, who made considerable money as a proprietor of a night club here was convicted in federal court at Austin of income tax evasion and sentenced to 3 years in prison and fined \$9,000.

Dupree immediately filed an appeal of the conviction and was released under a \$20,000 bond.



# Daughter of Slaves to Get \$275,000 from Sale of Land

as they both live on the property,

Washington, D. C.—(CNS)—A 65-year-old Mrs. Margaret Foote Jackson, though about to come into \$375,000, has no immediate plans to do any wild spending. Maybe her cautiousness and conservatism come from habit for the lady has been for years a custodial worker at the Census Bureau and plans to keep on working despite the fortune.

How is she coming into all of this money? Her father was a Virginia slave, freed just after the Civil War, who bought then 33 acres of land in Fairfax for \$500. In his will, made in 1895, Frederick Foote decreed that the property should remain "forever with the family."

But Mrs. Jackson, along with the other two heirs, fought to break the will so that they could sell the property. They couldn't keep up the tax payments. Judge Paul Brown of Fairfax Circuit Court voided the will. Then this week he approved a conditional sale of the property at Seven Corners for \$750,000 to the Lynne Investment Corp. A shopping center will be there, say the Company's officials, if the whole tract can be rezoned commercial.

Thus the \$750,000 will be divided between Mrs. Jackson, who will get half of it and Mrs. Frank C. Foote, 76 and Mrs. Virginia Foote Jackson, 83, who will get one fourth each.

When asked just what she would do with her share, Mrs. Jackson replied: "Mercy, I don't know what I'll do. I understand under the arrangements worked out with the judge, the money will be invested. That's what I want. A steady income. I'm going to buy a house. And I'm going to go on working for the time being. I want the money left for my two sons and daughter."

As for Mr. Foote and Mrs. Virginia Jackson, they just have no plans at all on spending their share. Asked if they would try to move away soon,

3-5-53  
Voided Will



## Progress Indicator

## PROGRESS IN home ownership

as well as in saving for the pro-

verbial "rainy" day is clearly indicated in the recent growth of the

ated in the recent growth of The  
Berkley Citizens Mutual Building

and Loan Association. What has hap-

pened in the operation of this institu-

tion in one year is a very encouraging

sign. Because it is a "Negro" business it is like a laboratory test during

Considering that there are many other agencies supplying money for new home building and for the purchase of already constructed homes and other real estate, the latest report by the Berkley Citizens Mutual is very significant.

Considering also the scarcity of land for home building uses that is available to our group, the total picture, if shown, would be phenomenal. Despite this the Negro housing problem in the area is acute, and because public housing takes care of only low wage earners, or families not yet able to buy homes, and since the government's FHA bureau has always sharply restricted loans to Negroes, the contribution that is being made toward economic improvement by The Berkley Citizens Mutual Building and Loan Association is that much more important. It is another proof that people who are determined to go ahead cannot be easily prevented from doing so.

The following statistics indicate the very encouraging trend:

DATE	TOTAL ASSETS
December 31, 1951	\$549,437.68
June 30, 1952	\$657,661.37
December 31, 1952	\$779,532.11

The figures show that the association made an increase in assets of more than \$300,000 in the last twelve months. As an indication of the savings trend the association had full paid shares amounting to \$245,400.00 at close of business December 31, 1951, which figure had increased to \$340,900.00 by the end of 1952. That is a healthy increase, both for the institution and for the community. First mortgage loans on real estate December 31, 1951, amounted to \$431,211.00. In twelve months this figure had increased to \$607,161.67.

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